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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

The reason we have a pre-paid wireless phone is because we seldom need to use a cell and this is the most affordable choice for us. If extra taxes are added to our service, we will not be able to afford this service. We use it only for emergencies and travel, not for everyday use. Why should we have to pay for extras that we do not use? Let those who are using pay.

We are senior citizens who use our wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. We don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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